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Re Application of: Browse *et al.*

Art Unit: 1652

Application No. 09/857,583

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USING THEM FOR SYNTHESIS OF
POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office action (Restriction Requirement) dated February 11, 2003, for which a one-month period for response was set, making the response due March 11, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, now making the response due June 11, 2003. If the Patent Office determines that an additional extension of time is necessary, please consider this a petition therefor. Deposit account authority is provided on the attached transmittal letter.

In conformance with the "Notification of Requested New Format for Amendments and/or Responses Filed in Art Units 1634, 2827, and 2834" (Notification) each section of this response (*i.e.*, claim amendments, remarks, and conclusions) begins on a separate page. Moreover, the claim amendments made herein conform to the new format set forth in the Notification. Accordingly, the Commissioner agrees to waive the requirement to provide two sets of claims (a clean version and a marked-up version) as set forth in 37 CFR §1.121(c).

Please amend the Specification as set forth on page 3.

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Please amend the Claims as set forth beginning on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

The Conclusion of this Amendment is on page 9.